

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBMITTED CLAIMS:**

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Original). A method of reducing the amount of discoloration which occurs in diesel fuel containing a major amount of a hydrocarbon fuel boiling in the middle distillate boiling range, and a minor amount of a nitrate-containing cetane improver, said method comprising removing from said diesel fuel essentially all of the pyrroles, indoles, sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans, thioacids, sulfonic acids, and indolines.

Claim 16 (Original). A method of reducing the amount of discoloration which occurs in diesel fuel containing a major amount of a hydrocarbon fuel boiling in the middle distillate boiling range, and a minor amount of a nitrate-containing cetane improver, said method comprising removing from said diesel fuel all of the pyrroles, indoles, sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans, thioacids, sulfonic acids, and indolines.

Claim 17 (Original). A method of reducing the amount of sedimentation which occurs in diesel fuel containing a major amount of a hydrocarbon fuel boiling in the middle distillate boiling range, and a minor amount of a nitrate-containing cetane improver, said method comprising removing from said diesel fuel essentially all of the pyrroles, indoles, sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans, thioacids, sulfonic acids, and indolines.

Claim 18 (Original). A method of reducing the amount of sedimentation which occurs in diesel fuel containing a major amount of a hydrocarbon fuel boiling in the middle distillate boiling range, and a minor amount of a nitrate-containing cetane improver, said method comprising removing from said diesel fuel all of the pyrroles, indoles, sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans, thioacids, sulfonic acids, and indolines.

Claims 19-26 (Canceled).